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## Falls Church City Library Receives Top National Honors

For the second year in a row, the Mary Riley Styles Public Library in the City of Falls Church has been named one of the best public libraries in the U.S. by the *Library Journal*. The City library is one of only 258 top libraries out of 7,268 public libraries in the country to receive "star" ratings in a rating system similar to that used in the Michelin Guide. Once again, the Mary Riley Styles Public Library received a 3-star rating; one of only three libraries in the Commonwealth to receive stars, and one of only two in Virginia and 202 nationally to have won the award two years in a row.

The new public library national rating system rates libraries with expenditures of \$10,000 or more that serve populations of at least 1,000. Ratings are based on four per-capita service indicators: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer uses.

For more information about the library national rating system visit: <a href="www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html&&">www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6629180.html&&</a> . For more information about Mary Riley Styles Public Library, visit <a href="www.falls-church.lib.va.us/">www.falls-church.lib.va.us/</a> or call 703-248-5031.

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